

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/23/05 (the 2nd Appeal Brief).
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-22, 24-37; claims 24-37 are renumbered as claims 1-14; Formal dwgs. were received 2/11/05.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the 2nd Appeal Brief received on 11/23/2005.

Status of the claims

2. Claims 15-22, and 24-37 are pending.

Drawings

3. 30 sheets of formal drawings were acceptable by the examiner on 2/11/2005.

Allowable Subject Matter & Reasons for Allowance

4. Independent claims 15, and 32 are patentable over the closest references of Bowman et al., and Fisher et al., because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach a method for a computer-implemented method for facilitating browsing of a database of items, besides other limitations, comprising:

- presenting to the user a first web page that displays at least a portion of the search results list together with an option to save the search query for subsequent use; in response to an election of said option by the user to save the search query, storing the search query in association with a category name specified by the user; and presenting to the user a second web page that provides an option for the user to select the category name to view an updated list of items within the database that match the search query; whereby the search query and category name serve as a user-defined category that may be selected by the user over time to browse the database.

Or - analyzing a history of search queries to identify a search query that has been submitted multiple times by the user, and in response to identifying the search query, creating for the user an option to create, a persistent link that is selectable by the user to view a current set of items within the repository that match the search query.

The reason for allowance is cited prior art are not obvious in order to disclose a proper motivation to combine all claimed steps of claim 15, or claim 32.

5. Independent claim 24 is patentable over the closest references of Bowman et al., and Fisher et al., because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach a system for facilitating browsing of an electronic catalog, the system comprising:

a server system coupled to the database, the server system providing a user interface for browsing the electronic catalog over a computer network, the user interface including functionality for users to at least (1) formulate and submit search queries for searching the electronic catalog, (2) assign category names to individual search queries, and (3) save the search queries and associated category names on the server system for subsequent use as user-defined categories that are selectable via the user interface to browse the electronic catalog of items; wherein the server system presents to a user that has created one or more user-defined categories a web page that lists the one or more user-defined categories such that each such category may be selected to view a corresponding set of catalog items.

Bowman et al., or Fisher et al. do not explicitly disclose that: "wherein the server system presents to a user that has created one or more user-defined categories a web page that lists the one or more user-defined categories such that each such category may be selected to view a corresponding set of catalog items".

6. Claims 16-22, 25-31, and 33-37 are allowed because they are dependent on claims 15, 24, and 32 (in that order).

7. Claims 15-22, and 24-37 are patentable. Claims 24-37 are renumbered as claims 1-14, in that order.

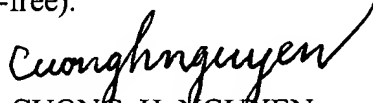
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-6759. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THOMAS G. BLACK can be reached on 571-272-6956. The Rightfax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-6956.

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